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Remarks

Claims 2-9 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 6, and 8 are allowed. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 stand rejected. The following remarks are addressed to the referenced paragraphs of the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 3, 6, and 8.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Billman et al. (US 5,443,394). Claim 2, 4, and 5 are canceled herein. Claims 7 and 9 are amended to depend from allowed claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that they are allowable for the reasons that claims 3 is allowed.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, and in view of the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 3 and 6-9 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments contained herein, allowance of claims 3, and 6-9 and issuance of letters patent for the present invention.

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